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The Hot Dog Is Bull
But Not to the Hungry

A Great Roadside Industry Had Its Origin In The Bull Fights of Old Spain

By W. O. SAUNDERS.

Why is a hot dog? The answer is bull, plain bull. At every ball park, amusement park and bathing beach; at fair grounds, farmer's meets and church bazar; on untold thousands of lunch counters, street stands and roadside stands vendors are crying Hot Dogs, the dogs are sizzling on hot plates and Americans are eating them by the millions.

I eat them myself, my wife eats 'em and my kids beg for them; the Hot Dog has taken such a firm hold upon the imagination and appetites of us Americans that I got a hunch it was about time for some of us to look into the pedigree of this animal that has within recent years established himself as the friend of hungry humans and taken rank as an industry along with tobacco, benzine and movies. And so I went on the trail of the Hot Dog the other day, determined to chase him to his kennel and establish his ancestry.

To begin with, there just ain't no such animal. Hot Dog isn't dog at all. Some rough-neck beer and sandwich vendor at Coney Island years ago gave him the name and the name stuck. Vendors who have made millions out of the animal, and packing concerns who manufacture him by the mile have tried their darndest to take the name, but it's too late. Hot dog has gripped the American imagination and it is here to stay. And why not? Personally I prefer Hot Dog to Hot Bull any day in the week, or for Sunday wayside fare. And Hot Dog is plain bull; it ain't much else but.

The Hot Dog originated in Bologna, Spain. He was originally plain Bologna sausage. Germans borrowed the bologna formula from the Spaniards, put it up in sheep gut casings and it became a Frankfurter in Frankfurt and a Weenie in Vienna. Only when it hit Coney Island about fifty years ago did it become Hot Dog.

It Used to Be Bull

The Spanish bull fight craze was responsible for the bologna and its lively offspring. It took a lot of perfectly good bulls to appease the blood lust of the bull fight fans. Many magnificent animals were slain in the old arenas in a day. It was a shame to waste the beef, but until the bologna was invented no one but a hungry peasant would eat bull beef. Bull meat is dark, course, tougher than tough and has an odor of its own that would make an onion get up and walk out of the pantry or drive a hamburger cheese.

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FOR LACK OF 15 CUP WAS LOST

But 53 Farmerfolk From Pasquotank Ranked Third at Raleigh, Learned Much

"If we had had a little more cooperation in this county, enough say to have got 15 more people to make the trip, we would have won the prize last week for the largest attendance of any county in the state at the North Carolina farmers and farm women convention."

So says County Agricultural Agent G. W. Falls, who feels highly gratified that Pasquotank County's first attempt at attend a state farm convention, would stand third among all the counties in the state at a meeting of 1,500 of the best farmers in the state. It is now planned to make these trips an annual affair.

"The biggest thing we learned at Raleigh was that Pasquotank County has the rest of the state beat all hollow, when it comes to real farm advantages," says Mr. Falls.

"One thing that was stressed, which is badly needed here is organization," he continued. "Our farmers standing in need of the spirit of unity and cooperation into which they are gradually growing. The growing of better livestock, the importance of poultry raising, and a more exact study of plant diseases were also stressed at the meeting."

Forty-seven farmers, four farm women, two girls and one boy made the trip by automobile from Pasquotank. The party left here on Monday morning at 8:30 a. m. going via Edenton, Windsor, Tarboro, Rocky Mount, Spring Hope, and arriving in Raleigh at seven p. m. On this route they left the soybean belt, and passed thru the peanut, and tobacco belts, and ran into the heavy cotton section.

The party returned home by way of Rocky Mount, Halifax, Weldon, Jacksonville, Murfreesboro, Winton, and Gatesville.

Those in the party from Pasquotank, were James Britte, H. G. Bundy, C. L. Jackson, Wilson Sylls, D. W. Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Morgan, Seth Morgan, G. R. Harrell, Paul Ives, Oscar Pritchard, R. S. Chappell, C. E. Pritchard, Walter Riddick, all of Mt. Vernon township; W. T. Williams of Newland; W. F. Jennings, John Dail, Frank Brothers and M. W. Sanders of Nixonton; Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Pritchard, Nathan Caroon, Mrs. L. C. Davis, B. F. Pritchard John Cherry, B. J. Wood, Will Pritchard of Providence; W. W. Small, Gaston Small, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Eves, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Lowry, Ethel Mae Lowry, J. P. Eves, Edward Eves, Wilma Eves, Henry Markham, F. P. Markham Sr., Mrs. and Mrs. William Meads, Talmadge Markham, Mr. and Mrs. John Berry, Mrs. Jesse Wilson, of Salem, and from Elizabeth City, A. E. Cohoon and G. W. Falls.

the other day I observed hundreds of roadside hot dog stands doing a flourishing business. Some called them "Frankfurters," some called them "Roast Franks," some called them "Hot Weenies" and one stand proclaimed from a screaming sign, "A Loaf of Bread and a Hunk of Meat for a Dime," but the stand that was doing the land office business on the whole route not only had out the biggest signs "Hot Dog," but had its signs illustrated with life size sizzling hounds. Packards and Pierce-Arrows mingled with flyovers in the roadside congestion at that shameless Hot Dog vendor's.

It is the chunk of meat and the loaf of bread for a dime that makes the Hot Dog a favorite with American pocketbooks, in a land where pocketbooks have more consideration than stomachs. The Hot Dog satisfies the appetite of millions who must have a bite between meals and it satisfies the pocketbook. It is, after all, a darn sight tastier and more wholesome than a lot of the lard food, badly cooked and sloppily served by untidy waiters in thousands of small eating houses with big names and outrageous prices.

And the Hot Dog finds thousands of eager vendors because our woods, our backyards and our alleys are full of folks whose life ambition is to go in business for themselves and whose greatest hobby is monkeying with a frying pan. On a capital of a few dollars they may realize their commercial ambition and enjoy their hobby at one and the same time.

And the profits are visible and gratifying. Your vendor can count his profits as he splits his rolls, inserts the sizzling dogs and passes you the mustard. Roll one cent, Hot Dog three cents, gas, mustard and overhead another cent; total five cents, sale price ten cents, profit five cents. And always satisfied customers. Hot Dog is a business, an unique business maybe, but a considerable business at that. And that's no bull.

One big statistical fact leaked out last year during the World Series in New York when Harry Stevens, refreshment concessionaire at the Polo Grounds let slip that the crowds on the occasion of a great double header ate 50,000 Hot Dogs in a single day.

The old adage that if you give a dog a bad name you might as well kill him doesn't apply to bull. Hot Dog has established itself in the social, dietetic and economic life of America in spite of its name. The name doesn't affect it at all. On a tour of more than a hundred miles in two states through the country

CITY AND COUNTY TO GET TOGETHER HERE.

Some Trouble in Financing Bridge Across Knobbs Creek, Commissioners Refuse Funds

While the County Commissioners refused to appropriate the \$12,000 requested by the Highway Commission for replacing the old bridge on Knobbs Creek at the end of Pennsylvania Avenue, the City Council Monday night unanimously endorsed the bridge.

The facts are, there are several industries across Knobbs Creek, having a payroll of probably half a million dollars annually. These industries serve farmers. They were established while the county maintained a bridge to their plants. They now contend that the county has no right to abandon the bridge.

Inasmuch as the city benefits by the bridge, and because the industries across Knobbs Creek have been taken in the City School zone, and are paying taxes for the schools, it looks like a matter on which the city and county will eventually get together. The city has a surplus in its treasury, the Auditors say, and this could be used. To abandon the bridge, would be a black eye on the town's attitude toward industries, business men say.

WANTS MORE DOPE FROM THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

(A Communication.)

Editor THE INDEPENDENT:

Please request this favor of the Auditor of Washington County Mr. W. J. Jackson, Jr., through your columns.

Dear Auditor:

Would you please be so kind as to furnish me as well as the Tax Payers of Washington County with the information you have on hand relative to the deal the Board of Education had with the International Harvester Co., of Charlotte, N. C., with reference to the school trucks purchased from this concern. I understand there was a difference in the amount of the voucher issued and the draft, held by the United Commercial Bank. As a tax payer of Washington County I am entitled to this information and I would appreciate your publishing these facts through the columns of the Independent in its next issue.

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